

**III. REMARKS**

The specification is amended to correct certain reference numbers.

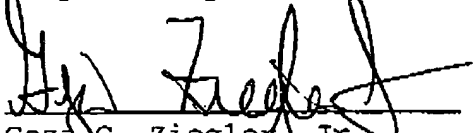
Claims 1-14 and 16-18 are amended to clarify the language of the claims. The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth in the previous response.

Claims 19-21 are new.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$250 for an extra independent claim and one additional claim, as well as for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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